

THE FALCON FLYER

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Dear Floral Street School Families,

We hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and some extended family time over these last five days. It is only a brief period now before our *next* extended break from school – we look forward to these coming weeks as an opportunity to look back at how far we have travelled since that last day in August. Our first trimester ends this Wednesday, and it is always amazing to look back and see how much our students have accomplished. They are more powerful learners, and these next four weeks provide opportunities to solidify what we have learned as well as take the next steps forward. We can't wait!

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Important Notes:

Holiday Gifts

We recognize that some parents have a tradition of giving gifts to their children's teacher(s) during this time of year. If you are planning to do so – **and please understand that it is by no means expected or required** – we would like to remind you of certain limitations on these gifts. Last year, state law that governs ethics and public employees was clarified and strengthened, with an emphasis on public employees not accepting gifts that have a value of \$50 or more. **This also applies to gifts purchased by a group of parents for an individual teacher**, something room parents have facilitated in the past. While we know all gifts are an expression of support and thoughtful generosity, we ask for your assistance in helping us to comply with this law and not putting teachers or other staff members in the awkward position of having to decline or return a gift.

PTO

There are a number of fundraising and community-building events currently being facilitated by the PTO:

Apparel Holiday Orders: Many folks at the Fun Fair asked about ordering some of the new FSS apparel. The PTO is taking orders for Falcon shirts, sweatshirts and fleece jackets for students and adults. Orders are due on **TODAY** (Nov. 29) and delivery will be in early December. Please contact Kim Lipka with any questions at K.Lipka@townisp.com.

Ski Ward: Once again the Floral Street School PTO has partnered with Ski Ward to offer students and families of Floral Street School the opportunity to register for ski and snowboarding lessons this season. For more details or to register, visit the Ski Ward website at www.skiward.com and click on the "weekday programs" link under the Snow School box and print the Floral Street Registration form. All programs are for 5 weeks beginning January 7, 2011. At the end of the program Ski Ward is offering a free lift ticket to all program

participants. Ski and snowboard lessons are available for children ages 4 thru 14. **Registration deadline for all programs is Monday Dec 6, 2010.** If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Harrington from the Floral Street PTO at harringtonjm@verizon.net. Thank you for your support!

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/departments/division.php?fDD=20-17>

Important Dates

December 7	School Council (7:30 am)
December 13	Trimester 1 Report Cards issued
December 15	Presentation to School Committee of School Improvement Plan
December 24 - January 2	No School – December Vacation
January 17	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 21-25	No School – Presidents’ Day & Winter Vacation

The full district school calendar is available at:

http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1276871197_585906.pdf